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SUBJECT: SHABA INCURSIONS

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1. WE DISCUSSED SHABA SITUATION MORNING MAY 15
WITH QUAI DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS GEORGY.
INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO GOF IS STILL FRAGMENTARY,
THE PRIMARY SOURCES BEING FRENCH EMBASSY KINSHASA
AND THE BELGIAN EMBASSY HERE. GEORGY SAID THAT
WHILE KOLWEZI AND MUTSHATSA HAD FALLEN THERE WERE
NO REPTS OF THREATS TO LIVES OF WESTERNERS IN
SHABA. THERE WERE RUMORS THAT SEVERAL FRENCH
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COOPERANTS ENGAGED IN VEHICLE REPAIR HAD BEEN TAKEN
HOSTAGE BY "CONGOLESE LIBERATION FORCES" BUT THIS IS
UNCONFIRMED.

2. GEORGY SAID THAT AN APPROACH TO THE ANGOLA
GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE ITALIANS AND CONGOLESE WAS
WORTH THE EFFORT AND THE GOF WOULD PROBABLY MAKE AN

APPROACH THROUGH ITS CHARGE IN LUANDA BUT HE WAS NOT
OPTIMISTIC THAT THIS WOULD PRODUCE MUCH.

3. GEORGY SAID THAT THE ZAIRE FOREIGN MINISTER WHO
WAS IN PARIS FOR THE PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE
FRANCOPHONE SUMMIT HAD DISCUSSED THE SHABA INVASION
WITH THE SENIOR UN REPRESENTATIVE IN PARIS BUT
HE WAS UNAWARE WHETHER ANY DECISION HAD BEEN MADE
CONCERNING AN APPROACH TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL.
HE ASKED THAT WE KEEP HIM INFORMED IN THIS REGARD.
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